

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS


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Figure 2B shows an alternative slip-on fitting 162. The fitting 162 is shown as an elbow fitting, but may be provided with many other shapes. Likewise, the fittings 140 and 160 may come in other shapes, such as T-shaped elbow, elbow, four-way, and more complex fittings. The fitting 162 has an opening 164 in one of its legs that has an inside diameter equal to or slightly larger than the outer diameter of a tube 166 or its polymerized sheathing 168. If it is sized slightly larger than the tube 166, the tube is slid into the opening 164 and preferably a set screw 170 is tightened to push against the outer surface of the tube 166. The sheathing 168 then may be slid up flush against the end of the fitting 162 to give a finished appearance. Alternatively, the opening 164 may have a larger diameter such that the tube 166 and outer sheathing 168 both slide into the opening 164. The length of sheathing 168 may extend to the length of tube 166, in which case the outer diameter of sheathing 168 may fit into opening 164, enabling set screw 170 to press against the sheathing 168. The set screw 170 can then be tightened against the outer sheathing. The set screw, in this embodiment, preferably has a rounded end such that it presses against the outer sheathing and locks the tube 166 and sheathing 168 into the fitting 162 without penetrating the sheathing 168. Ultimately, it may penetrate the sheathing. The fittings such as shown in Figures 2A-2C are preferably fittings available from Hollaender, with the slip-in fittings known as Interna-Rail®.

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The tubular members 110 are preferably circular in cross-section, and are covered with a polymeric material such as polyethylene, polypropylene, nylon, or other suitable material, affording changes in color while reducing maintenance. Preferably, the members are aluminum, though steel or even certain plastics may be used. The vertical members are preferably constructed onto casters ~~120~~ 121, enabling the entire modular to be rolled from place to place in conjunction with one or more chairs. The fittings may be L-shaped, T-shaped, or have multiple, orthogonal axes, as appropriate, and the sheathing may either extend into the fitting, or be flush therewith, as shown in Figures 2A and 2B.

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 The vertical and horizontal members ~~30~~ 130 and 134 preferably are hollow metal tubes. Polymerized sheathing fits around the outer diameter of the tubes and extends substantially the entire length so as to give a durable and aesthetically pleasing appearance. The sheathing has an inner diameter equal to or slightly greater than the outside diameter of the metal tubes.